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2:1 Thus saith
the Lord, I
brought this
people out of
bondage, and I
gave them my
commandments
by menservants
the prophets;
whom they

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**would not hear,
but despised my
counsels.**

**2:2 The mother
that bare them
saith unto them,
Go your way, ye
children; for I am
a widow and
forsaken.**

2:3 I brought you

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**up with
gladness; but
with sorrow and
heaviness have I
lost you: for ye
have sinned
before the Lord
your God, and
done that thing
that is evil
before him.**

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2:4 But what shall I now do unto you? I am a widow and forsaken: go your way, O my children, and ask mercy of the Lord. **2:5** As for me, O father, I call upon thee

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**for a witness
over the mother
of these
children, which
would not keep
my covenant,
2:6 That thou
bring them to
confusion, and
their mother to a
spoil, that there**

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**may be no
offspring of
them. 2:7 Let
them be
scattered abroad
among the
heathen, let their
names be put
out of the earth:
for they have
despised my**

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covenant.

2:8 Woe be unto thee, Assur, thou that hidest the unrighteous in thee! O thou wicked people, remember what I did unto Sodom and Gomorrha;
2:9 Whose land

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**lieth in clods of
pitch and heaps
of ashes: even
so also will I do
unto them that
hear me not,
saith the
Almighty Lord.
2:10 Thus saith
the Lord unto
Esdras, Tell my**

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**people that I will
give them the
kingdom of
Jerusalem,
which I would
have given unto
Israel. 2:11 Their
glory also will I
take unto me,
and give these
the everlasting**

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**tabernacles,
which I had
prepared for
them. 2:12 They
shall have the
tree of life for an
ointment of
sweet savour;
they shall
neither labour,
nor be weary.**

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2:13 Go, and ye shall receive: pray for few days unto you, that they may be shortened: the kingdom is already prepared for you: watch.

2:14 Take heaven and earth to

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**witness; for I
have broken the
evil in pieces,
and created the
good: for I live,
saith the Lord.**

2:15 **Mother,
embrace thy
children, and
bring them up
with gladness,**

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**make their feet
as fast as a
pillar: for I have
chosen thee,
saith the Lord.**

2:16 **And those
that be dead will
I raise up again
from their
places, and
bring them out**

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**of the graves: for
I have known my
name in Israel.**

2:17 Fear not,
thou mother of
the children: for
I have chosen
thee, saith the
Lord. **2:18** For thy
help will I send
my servants

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**Esau and
Jeremy, after
whose counsel I
have sanctified
and prepared for
thee twelve trees
laden with divers
fruits, 2:19 And
as many
fountains
flowing with milk**

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**and honey, and
seven mighty
mountains,
whereupon there
grow roses and
lilies, whereby I
will fill thy
children with joy.**

**2:20 Do right to
the widow, judge
for the**

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**fatherless, give
to the poor,
defend the
orphan, clothe
the naked,**

**2:21 Heal the
broken and the
weak, laugh not
a lame man to
scorn, defend
the maimed, and**

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**let the blind man
come into the
sight of my
clearness.**

2:22 **Keep the old
and young
within thy walls.**

2:23 **Wheresoeve
r thou findest the
dead, take them
and bury them,**

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**and I will give
thee the first
place in my
resurrection.**

2:24 Abide still, O
my people, and
take thy rest, for
thy quietness
still come.

2:25 Nourish thy
children, O thou

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**good nurse;
stablish their
feet. 2:26 As for
the servants
whom I have
given thee, there
shall not one of
them perish; for I
will require them
from among thy
number. 2:27 Be**

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**not weary: for
when the day of
trouble and
heaviness
cometh, others
shall weep and
be sorrowful, but
thou shalt be
merry and have
abundance.**

2:28 The heathen

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**shall envy thee,
but they shall be
able to do
nothing against
thee, saith the
Lord. 2:29 My
hands shall
cover thee, so
that thy children
shall not see
hell. 2:30 Be**

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**joyful, O thou
mother, with thy
children; for I
will deliver thee,
saith the Lord.**

**2:31 Remember
thy children that
sleep, for I shall
bring them out
of the sides of
the earth, and**

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**shew mercy unto
them: for I am
merciful, saith
the Lord
Almighty.**

**2:32 Embrace thy
children until I
come and shew
mercy unto
them: for my
wells run over,**

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**and my grace
shall not fail.**

2:33 I Esdras
received a
charge of the
Lord upon the
mount Oreb, that
I should go unto
Israel; but when I
came unto them,
they set me at

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**nought, and
despised the
commandment
of the Lord.**

**2:34 And
therefore I say
unto you, O ye
heathen, that
hear and
understand, look
for your**

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Shepherd, he shall give you everlasting rest; for he is nigh at hand, that shall come in the end of the world.

2:35 Be ready to the reward of the kingdom, for the everlasting light

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**shall shine
upon you for
evermore.**

**2:36 Flee the
shadow of this
world, receive
the joyfulness of
your glory: I
testify my
Saviour openly.**

2:37 O receive

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**the gift that is
given you, and
be glad, giving
thanks unto him
that hath led you
to the heavenly
kingdom.**

**2:38 Arise up and
stand, behold
the number of
those that be**

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**sealed in the
feast of the Lord;**

**2:39 Which are
departed from
the shadow of
the world, and
have received
glorious
garments of the
Lord. 2:40 Take
thy number, O**

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Sion, and shut up those of thine that are clothed in white, which have fulfilled the law of the Lord.

2:41 The number of thy children, whom thou longedst for, is fulfilled: beseech

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**the power of the
Lord, that thy
people, which
have been called
from the
beginning, may
be hallowed.**

2:42 I Esdras saw
upon the mount
Sion a great
people, whom I

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**could not
number, and
they all praised
the Lord with
songs. 2:43 And
in the midst of
them there was a
young man of a
high stature,
taller than all the
rest, and upon**

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**every one of
their heads he
set crowns, and
was more
exalted; which I
marvelled at
greatly. 2:44 So I
asked the angel,
and said, Sir,
what are these?
2:45 He**

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**answered and
said unto me,
These be they
that have put off
the mortal
clothing, and put
on the immortal,
and have
confessed the
name of God:
now are they**

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**crowned, and
receive palms.**

2:46 Then said I
unto the angel,
What young
person is it that
crowneth them,
and giveth them
palms in their
hands? **2:47** So
he answered and

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**said unto me, It
is the Son of
God, whom they
have confessed
in the world.
Then began I
greatly to
commend them
that stood so
stiffly for the
name of the**

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**Lord. 2:48 Then
the angel said
unto me, Go thy
way, and tell my
people what
manner of
things, and how
great wonders
of the Lord thy
God, thou
hast seen.**